

## **Memo #12**

Date: November 23, 2016

To: Executive/Members

From: **Kindergarten Collaborative Learning Communities Project**

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### **Kindergarten Collaborative Learning Communities Project**

OECTA has, through funding provided by the Ministry of Education, the opportunity to undertake up to 10 kindergarten CLC projects, during the remainder of the 2016/2017 school year. The funding will allow up to ten (10) projects comprising up to three (3) kindergarten teams (both the teacher and E.C.E in each team) to explore and share solutions to common professional dilemmas arising from the recent implementation of the revised Kindergarten Program document and/or Growing Success Kindergarten Addendum. This collaboration through action research, can lead to developing resources, and/or implementing new instructional, assessment and/or evaluation strategies.

#### **Project Focus**

CLC's will provide the opportunity to engage in the kindergarten documents and the implications for your classroom.

#### **Who may apply?**

Full time kindergarten teachers, in either a permanent or LTO, along with their ECE team mate. Your choice of topic and participation must reflect the project focus.

#### **What is required of applicants?**

Each group selects a facilitator who attends an online training session via WebEx on December 5, 2016 at 5pm.

Group members meet for eight half days or four full days to pursue an issue of their choosing based on the project focus. Group members are expected to co-ordinate these dates with OECTA provincial staff and submit them in advance. Dates cannot be changed once confirmed. Please ensure dates do **not** conflict with school/ board activities.

Group members conduct an action research project, develop materials, examine practice or jointly implement new strategies in their kindergarten classrooms.

Group members, through the facilitator, produce a report on their learning and are prepared to share their learning with others in the spring of 2017.

**How do members apply?**

Form a learning community of four (4) to six (6) members and submit a team project proposal. One kindergarten teacher, acting as group facilitator, should submit the proposal. Please note that priority will be given to first time CLC participants. **Applications are due November 30, 2016.**

The proposal application form is attached. Please forward completed applications to Lorna Pegram via email: [l.peggram@oecta.on.ca](mailto:l.peggram@oecta.on.ca) or fax: 416-925-5251. Successful project leads will be notified by December 1.

**If you have any concerns, please contact the Unit office at 705-733-9625 or 1 800 558 4815  
Thank you for sharing this information with OECTA members.**